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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Good afternoon and welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. Members, please check in so we can begin this afternoon's proceedings. Roll call.

CLERK: I have a quorum present, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We're going to return to LB 953. We were on a motion to advance. Mr. Clerk, next item on the bill.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have an amendment to the bill by Senator Vrtiska, AM3007. (AM3007, Legislative Journal page 1206.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Vrtiska, you're recognized to open on your amendment.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. This is a very simple amendment. It merely strikes out, after the semicolon on page 1, line 24, an insert "and"; and on page 2, beginning with "Four" and through...and strike through "Four" in line 1 through "(c)" in line 3. Basically, what this does is take out the four state senators who would be on this committee and leave those spots for...there would not be anybody in those places. We just take those four appointments of senators out of the...out of the bill. If there are any questions, I'll stand ready to answer them.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Hilgert, you're recognized on the Vrtiska amendment.

SENATOR HILGERT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. This does seem to clear up at least one of the concerns about the constitutionality of the bill. I appreciate the indulgence of the body regarding this matter. I kind of interjected myself in the middle of all this simply because I don't believe that, you know, these bills, due to their nature and importance, should not be...be addressed, even though LB 1257 was not originally mine. And I will yield the rest of my time back to the Chair.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Chambers.